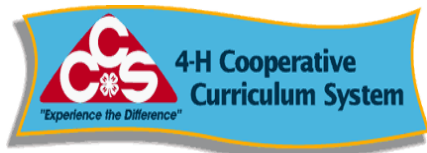




4-H Leader Training Series

4-H Project Materials for Learning and Fun

4-H Project Books for 4-H Youth



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4-H uses a variety of appealing, hands-on curriculum materials to help make learning fun for youth. Many necessary materials for 4-H projects, such as member and leader guides and project record books, can be obtained from your county 4-H office or the state 4-H web site (www.clemson.edu/4h) at nominal cost.

South Carolina relies especially on 4-H project materials from the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System (4-HCCS). To view the many choices or to order online, visit its web site at www.n4hccs.org. Here is a sampling of many of the lively, reasonably-priced 4-H project materials offered by 4-H CCS:

Advanced Visual Arts	Exploring 4-H
Aerospace Adventures	Exploring Farm Animals
Arts & Crafts - A Palette of Fun	Exploring Your Environment
Beef	Financial Champions
Bicycle Adventures	Fishing for Adventure
Cat	Foods
Child Development	Forestry
Citizenship – Public Adventures	Gardening
Communications—Express Yourself!	Heads-On, Hands-On: The Power of
Computer Mysteries	Exp. Learning
Consumer Savvy	Health
Dairy Cattle	Horse
Dairy Goat	Keeping Fit and Healthy
Dog	Latino Cultural Arts
Down to Earth - Classroom Garden- ing	Meat Goats
Electric Excitement	Microwave Magic
Embryology In the Classroom	Moving Ahead - Staff Resource
Entomology - Insectaganza Excite- ment	Outdoor Adventures
Entrepreneurship	Pets
	Poultry
	Rabbit

4-HCCS also offers a variety of curriculum materials aimed at After School and School Enrichment programs, as well as other Staff and Volunteer Resources

4-H Project Record Books

4-H club members are expected to complete an annual 4-H project record. Keeping a 4-H record book will help youth:

- Learn how to organize themselves
- Learn how to set reasonable goals
- Appreciate what they've learned this year from the goals they reached
- Recognize what they learned in your 4-H project
- Explain what they've learned
- Keep track of costs of their project
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Meet requirements to participate in some county, state, or national 4-H events.

A 4-H project record book can be downloaded as a PDF file from www.clemson.edu/4h.

4-H Cloverbud Materials

4-H Cloverbuds (ages 5-8) are urged to use age-appropriate, Cloverbud-specific materials, such as the *Exploring the Treasures of 4-H* curriculum, available from 4-H CCS catalog (www.n4hccs.org). A *Youth Guide* and a *Helper's Guide* are available. Record-keeping is integrated into the *Youth Guide*. Refer to *4-H Cloverbuds: 4-H for Younger Members* for more guidance on working with Cloverbuds and determining suitable curriculum and activities for these younger members.

Paying for 4-H Publications:

4-H Member Materials

4-H members are typically responsible for purchasing their own 4-H project guides and materials. Although 4-H curriculum is reasonably priced, 4-H fundraisers or donations are sometimes used to sponsor or subsidize the costs.

Leader Guides for 4-H Volunteers

When budgets allow, volunteers who are responsible for teaching others as part of the 4-H Youth Development Program will not be charged for publications used in their teaching. Contact your county 4-H staff.



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